

to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—89). Page S4005

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4067.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to review the recent report on the Federal Crop Insurance Program by the Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, and Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Ron Brichler, National Crop Insurance Services, Overland Park, Kansas, on behalf of the American Association of Crop Insurers.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Defense Health Program, focusing on service member care, comprehensive health coverage for dependents, retirees, and for surviving

family members, research, health promotion, war-time support, and inter-service cooperation, after receiving testimony from Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Army Surgeon General; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Medical Corps, Navy Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; Brig. Gen. Bettye H. Simmons, USA, Chief, Army Nurse Corps; Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps and Medical Inspector General; and Brig. Gen. Linda J. Stierle, USAF, Director of Medical Readiness and Nursing Services, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General.

NAVY AND MARINE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to review the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces, after receiving testimony from Adm. J. Paul Reason, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Adm. Archie R. Clemens, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Gen. Bruce B. Knutson, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force; Lt. Gen. Frank L. Libutti, USMC, Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ship acquisition programs and policy and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from H. Lee Buchanan III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies, and Operations; Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics; Rear Adm. Albert T. Church, III, USN, Director, Office of Budget, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller; and James F. Wiggins, Associate Director, General Accounting Office.

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET/FASTENER QUALITY ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the Department of Commerce's Technology Administration fiscal year 2000

budget request, focusing on the global competitive environment, the role of the Office of the Under Secretary and the Office of Technology, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology plans for the future, and S.795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mis-marked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, after receiving testimony from Gary Bachula, Acting Under Secretary for Technology, and Raymond G. Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert E. Brunner, Illinois Tool Works, Inc., Elgin, on behalf of the Industrial Fasteners Institute; Adrian Paul Cockman, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers; and Steven Schonholtz, Gardenbolt International, Inc., Sayreville, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Fastener Distributors Association.

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine whether the United States has the natural gas supply and infrastructure necessary to meet projected demand, after receiving testimony from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard J. Sharples, Anadarko Energy Services Company, on behalf of the Natural Gas Supply Association, and Rafael Quijano, Latin American Petroleum Intelligence Services, both of Washington, D.C.; Keith E. Bailey, Williams Company, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and H.G. Kleemeier, Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Paul A. Elbert, Natural Gas Consumers Energy Company, Jackson, Michigan, on behalf of the American Gas Association; and Greg Stringham, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Calgary, Alberta.

LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings to review the inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding regarding the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget/Chief Financial Officer.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported on original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities; to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures; and to provide for reform of the United Nations.

NATO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the goals and initiatives of NATO's forthcoming 50th Anniversary Summit, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Stephen A. Cambone, Research Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, both of the Department of Defense; Stephen Hadley, Shea and Gardner, and F. Stephen Larrabee, RAND Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, focusing on cost-benefit analysis, risk assessment, peer review, judicial review, comparative risk analysis, and the regulatory review process under the Office of Management and Budget, after receiving testimony from Mayor Gregory S. Lashutka, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Robert E. Roberts, Environmental Council of the States, Lester M. Crawford, Georgetown University Center for Food and Nutrition Policy, Patricia G. Kenworthy, National Environmental Trust, and Franklin E. Mirer, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, and David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Scott L. Holman, Bay Cast, Inc., Bay City, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Ronald A. Cass, Boston University School of Law, and John D. Graham, Harvard School of Public Health, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

INTERNET PRIVACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on privacy issues surrounding the Internet, focusing on Internet industry policy, security, data

protection, law enforcement, technology development, and electronic commerce, after receiving testimony from Katherine Borsechnik, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Michael Sheridan, Novell, Inc., Orem, Utah; Irving Wladawsky-Berger, IBM Corporation, and Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, D.C.; Russell T. Bodoff, BBBOnline, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Gregory Fischbach, Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., Glen Cove, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS, TRADE, AND TOURISM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, focusing on physical infrastructure, skill development, separation of powers and good governance, regulatory reform, access to capital, and international trade and tourism, after receiving testimony from Phillip A.

Singerman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; Tex G. Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota; Gloria O'Neill, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Anchorage Alaska; John R. Sunchild, Sr., National Tribal Development Association, Box Elder, Montana; and Michael A. Rouleau, U.S. WEST Communications, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

CORRUPTION THREAT ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Doris M. Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1500–1519; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90–91, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters (H. Rept. 106–103).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bill Shimkus of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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Conference Report on Education Flexibility Act: By a ye and nay vote of 368 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 94, the House agreed to the conference report

on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships.

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H. Res. 143, the rule that waived all points of order against the conference report was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act: The House passed H.R. 1184, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 95.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the “Buy American Act;” notifies recipients of assistance concerning the purchase of American-made equipment and products; and prohibits contracts with any person who intentionally affixes a “Made in America” inscription to a product that is not made in the United States.

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